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Timely Tidbits ...

Vote November 4

Romulus voters will cast their ballots for Mayor, City Clerk, Treasurer, and City Council in the general election to be held on Tuesday, November 4. The candidates are (asterisks denote incumbents):

- Leo Knasiak and *William Oakley for Mayor;
- *Linda Choate for Clerk;
- Kris Moe and Pamela Morrison-Kersey for Treasurer; and
- (write-in candidate) Franklin Ayers Jr., Steve Banko, Barry Baumann, LeRoy Burcroff, *Mary Collins, *William Crova, *Randolph Gear, Robert McLachlan, Donald Morris, *Michael Prybyla, *Debbie Romak, and *William Wadsworth for Council (top seven vote-getters will be elected).

Polls will open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. For more information, call the Clerk's office: 942-7540.

MGTV Live from State Senate

Wayne County residents can now tune in and watch live broadcasts of Michigan Senate sessions from the comfort of their own homes, says State Senator Loren Bennett (R-Canton Township). Michigan Government Television (MGTV) broadcasts each week-day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

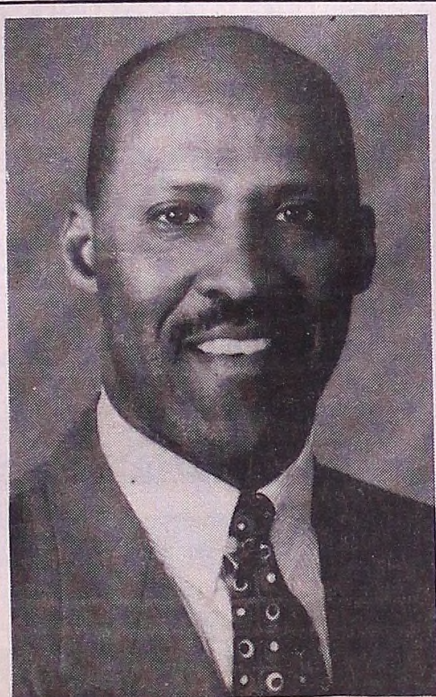
"This is a great way for residents to follow the action of their elected officials," Bennett said. "Now residents will have a front-row seat in State government. I hope that those with cable access will take advantage of this superb opportunity."

Recent approval of television guidelines set the stage for MGTV to begin airing live broadcasts.

Local viewing locations are as follows:

- Romulus, Belleville, and Van Buren Township – MediaOne, Channel 30;
- Canton Township – MediaOne, Channel 23 or 15;
- Westland – MediaOne, Channel 11/15 (rebuilt); and
- Wayne – Time Warner Cable, Channel 8. □

Incumbents Seek Continued Support



Councilman Randy Gear

Editor's note: In this issue, The Romulus News completes its focus on candidates for Romulus City Council with profiles of incumbents Randy Gear, Debbie Romak, and Bill Wadsworth.

Randy Gear

As the current Mayor Pro Tem and City Council Chairman, Randy Gear is one of the Romulus political scene's most recognizable figures.

Asked why he is seeking office once again, the lifelong Romulus resident replied, "I really enjoy helping the citizens of my home town and working with business people who are considering a move to Romulus."

Among Gear's priorities, if reelected, will be continuing the City's current emphasis on street improvements.

"I'm really proud of what we've accomplished on Goddard Road," he stated. "I know that the work posed an inconvenience for many people – especially since there were numerous delays because of obstacles that the City was unaware of – but I believe that the inconvenience was worth it in the long run. I foresee great things for our downtown area in the near future."

Another area with a bright future, says Gear, is the proposed Metro World Centre development.

"The completion of the Vining Road interchange and the proposed Tanger retail facility will create a solid foundation for future development there," he explained.



Councilwoman Debbie Romak

Gear is especially excited about all the new residential development in Romulus.

"Our city government's increased emphasis on residential growth is paying off," he smiled. "It gives me great pleasure to see vacant fields now turning into family areas."

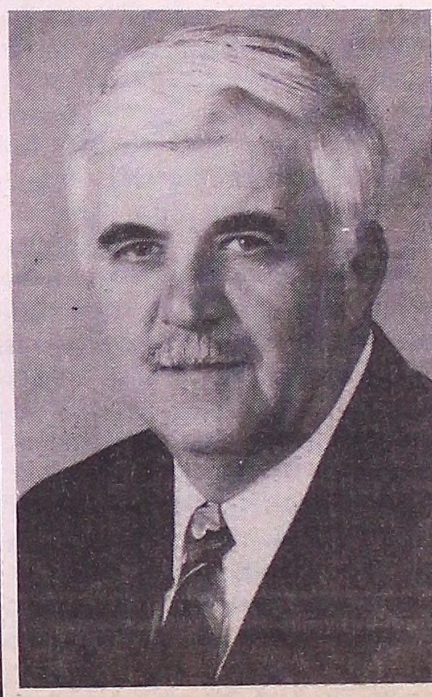
Because of this flourishing growth, Gear also favors establishing a full-time fire department.

"The development of new single-family dwellings and future high-rises, as well as other large commercial and industrial complexes, will mean a much bigger burden for our firefighters," he said. "The department will need full-time personnel to deal with these increased demands. Bigger, better, and more modern equipment – such as a large hook-and-ladder truck (which would make it easier for firefighters dealing with high-rise fires) – will also be a necessity."

"Thankfully," he continued, "this same increase in development, with its accompanying growth in our city's tax base, should generate the funds needed to improve our fire department without an increase in millage."

Other Gear priorities include:

- supporting more effective enforcement of City ordinances, such as the removal of "junk cars";
- maintaining the City's current emphasis on the demolition of abandoned homes;



Councilman Bill Wadsworth

- continuing to support improvements in the Romulus Police Department, where an increase in personnel, upgrade in facilities and equipment, and focus on programs such as Neighborhood Watch have, he believes, made Romulus a better, safer place to live;
- keeping Romulus environmentally safe; and
- working with Wayne County to bring long-anticipated Airport noise mitigation plans to final fruition.

Among the organizations which have endorsed Gear are the 13th Congressional District Democratic Club, the Metro Wayne Democratic Club, and numerous trade unions such as the AFL-CIO and UAW Region 1-A.

After graduating from Romulus High School in 1969, Gear went on to the University of Michigan, earning a B.S. in vocational education in 1973 and an M.S. in the same area of study in 1981. Most recently, Gear received a Specialist Degree in education administration from Wayne State University in 1996.

Gear's entire professional career has been spent in the Detroit Public Schools, where he has taught subjects such as art, social science, English, health education, and career education since 1973. In 1987, he was named "Teacher of the Year" for the City of Detroit, Wayne County, and the State of Michigan.

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Letter to the Editor

Editor's note: All letters to the editor must contain the writer's signature and a telephone number where he/she can be reached in order to verify the letter's authenticity. Names will be withheld by request if, in our opinion, the letter's content merits anonymity.

The Romulus News reserves the right to edit all letters for clarity and, if necessary, brevity.

Thanks for Successful Raspberry Party

To the Editor:

As you know, senior Romulus City Councilman Jimmie C. Raspberry—who will be retiring next month after a lifetime of service to his home town—was honored on October 18 at a farewell gathering which was attended by approximately 100 of his family members, colleagues, friends, and supporters.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following people who made the event such a success.

- For their kind remarks concerning Councilman Raspberry, thanks to State Representative Raymond Basham, Romulus Mayor William Oakley, Romulus Deputy Clerk (and

candidate for Treasurer of Romulus) Pamela Morrison-Kersey, and Lieutenant David Early of the Romulus Police Department.

- Thanks, also, for the support, recognition, and gratitude demonstrated by an excellent turnout of well-wishers, including Councilpersons Mary Collins, William Crova, Michael Prybyla, and William Wadsworth; Council candidates Barry Baumann and Donald Morris; and Treasurer candidate Kris Moe.
- Thank-you to Willie Hester for his fine performance as DJ for the event; to Loafer's Rest Country Store for providing the beer at cost; and to the Raspberry family for providing the decorations.
- And, finally, my personal thanks to Dorothy Nesler for coming up with the idea for a party in the first place, and for asking me to act as co-chairperson of the organizing committee; and to Hafeeza Khalifa and Theresa Washington, who were also instrumental in organizing the event.

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Guest Commentary

Will The "Silent Majority" Stand Up?



Barry Baumann

By Barry Baumann

As a young person growing up in Romulus, I heard our national leaders speak about the "silent majority." Now, as an adult seeking public office, I am becoming more and more convinced that there is a "silent majority" right here in Romulus.

Or so I hope.

As I have campaigned for City Council over the last few months, I have been both encouraged and dismayed. I have been encouraged that there seems to be a great number of residents who want a positive change on Council, yet dismayed at the gullibility of some other residents. There is no question that people are much busier than they were in years past; the raising of families and taking care of other personal matters has consumed the vast majority of residents. But I pose this important question to all residents: Do you really care about Romulus? After all, this is your home. In just over one week, you will go to the ballot box to elect our leadership for the next four years – the first four-year term in the history of Romulus as a city. Your decision will have a profound effect on you . . . and your family.

Not long ago, I read an article in the *Ann Arbor News* which defined why politicians lie to people, and why people buy into it. The article suggested that some politicians may lie for the following reasons:

- to avoid any negative consequences of their actions,
- to cover up a mistake,
- to please people or to avoid offending them, and/or

- when they assume that the truth is too complicated to explain, or may be beyond the comprehension of ordinary folks.

Which brings me to a hot issue in Romulus: the deep injection wells. You, as residents, have been totally deceived. If you think that this project is dead, think again! My question to you is: Which of the reasons listed above fits the current majority of Council members?

Another area that I ask you, as residents, to consider is the sale of City-owned property. The current majority of Council members has cost the City tens of thousands of dollars in *lost* profits. *This is your money that is lost!* The political infighting and games are taking their toll and adding up. As a resident, do you care about the eventual effect that this could have on City services for you and your children?

Finally, let us not forget the overall quality of life in Romulus. As a lifelong Romulus resident, I know firsthand what we had in Romulus before and what we have now. Can you honestly say that your quality of life has improved? Yet, many of these Council members who have been serving for years ask for your continued support. I ask you: What have they done to deserve it?

Your choices for City Council in this election are clear-cut. You can continue to support the confrontational and arrogant ways of some present members, or you can elect a new Council that will work for the benefit of all residents in a positive and honest manner.

Former U.S. Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn once said, "You'll never get mixed up if you simply tell the truth. Then you don't have to remember what you said, and you never forget what you said."

In closing, I hope that, on November 4, there will be a "silent majority" action that will send those "mixed-up" Council members a message – a message that says we are a good town, a town that cares about the future of all its children, senior citizens, and hard-working families.

Editor's note: The purpose of the "Guest Commentary" column is to provide members of the Romulus community and other interested parties with an opportunity to express their viewpoint on issues of interest to the people who live and do business here. Responsible individuals or spokespersons are invited to make use of this column, at no charge, at any time. For more information, contact Kristi Stephens, editor, at either 941-1907 or 941-3113. □

COLLINS FOR COUNCIL

My Fellow Citizens,

It has been my pleasure to serve you as a member of City Council since 1995.

I have always been proud to call ROMULUS my home, and as a life-long resident I have seen change, but none as bright and promising as what is in our near future. I am committed to the responsible leadership it will take to make the future the best for all our citizens.

Thank You,
Mary Collins



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Re-Elect for
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City Council

William CROVA



Dear Citizens of Romulus,

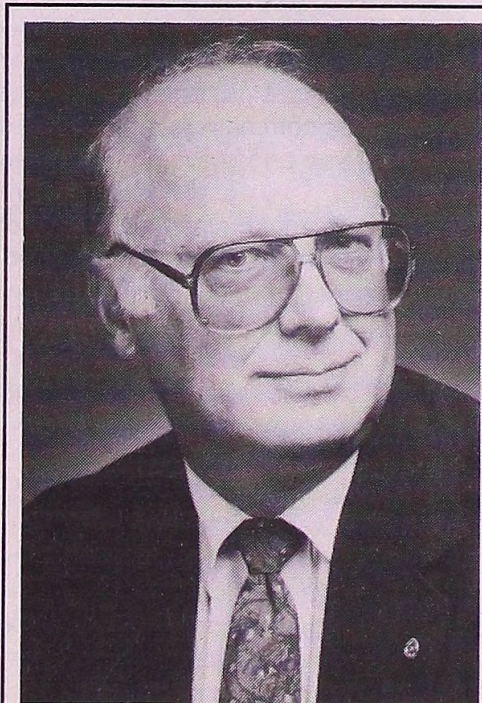
Thank you for electing me in 1995 to serve on the Romulus City Council.

I have lived in Romulus all of my life and have been actively involved with many civic and charitable organizations. As a Romulus property owner, tax-payer, business owner, husband, parent, and involved citizen, **I am aware of the important issues facing our community.** It would be my privilege to serve you on the Romulus City Council and **I would appreciate your vote.**

Thank You,
Bill Crova

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- 24-year resident
- Married – 4 children

EDUCATION

- B.S. – Accounting
- M.S. – Taxation

CURRENTLY

- Purchasing/Computer Services Director, City of Romulus
- Operate Local Accounting and Income Tax Service

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Boys and Girls Club of Romulus (Treasurer)
- Romulus Progressive Club (Treasurer and President)
- Romulus Rotary Club (Treasurer and President)
- St. Aloysius Church (Festival Treasurer)

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LeRoy D. Burcroff

Romulus City Council



- ★ Life-long resident
- ★ Family values
- ★ Strong work ethic
- ★ Successful business professional
- ★ Active in church
- ★ President Methodist Men's Club
- ★ Integrity

Below are just a few who believe that LeRoy, a man of integrity, can help create a positive difference for the city.

Your vote is important. Please get out on Nov. 4th and help **"Make a Difference"**.

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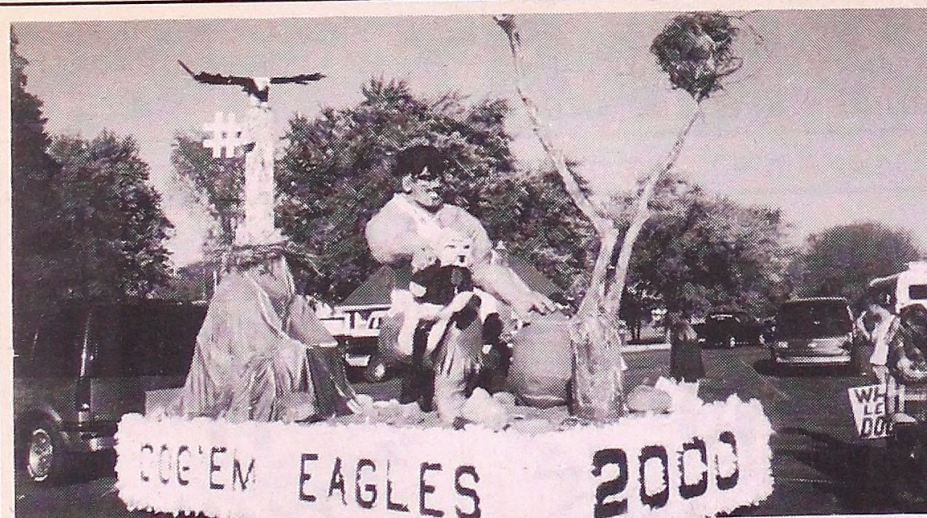
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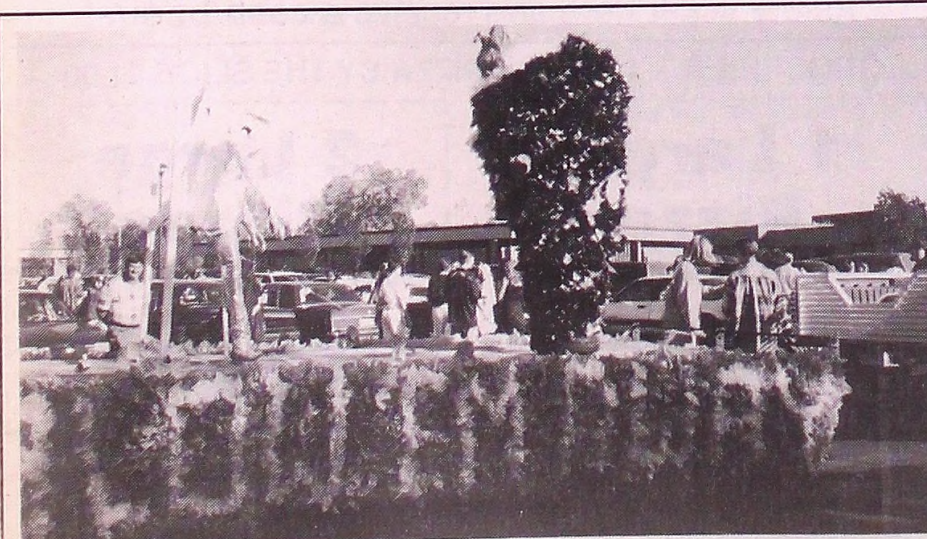
Float entered by Romulus High School's Class of 1998 ...



... 1999 ...



... 2000 ...



... and 2001.

Students, Alumni Made RHS Homecoming 1997 Special

Romulus High School's Homecoming 1997 was a big success, despite the Eagles' 25-21 loss to Robichaud.

Highlights of the Homecoming Parade, which kicked off events on game day (Friday, October 10), were the floats entered by the classes of 1998-2001 and the Romulus High School Alumni Association. The student float competition was won by the sophomore class, which constructed "The Incredible Hulk" in accordance with this year's theme of "Comic Book Characters." But by far the most popular entry was the Alumni float, which honored graduate football players and their coaches.

Constructed in the pole barn of well-known Romulus alumnus Dean Burcroff (Class of 1943), the float was shaped like an enormous football, with the names of honorees displayed on the dozens of stars which adorned the lower half of the structure. Burcroff himself did much of the construction work (see photo at right).

Alumni Coordinator Marge Bergman was effusive in her thanks to the Burcroffs for undertaking such a tremendous project, and has already warned the family that Association members will expect to continue with this new tradition next year! She even arranged for Burcroff to receive an "honorary lifetime membership" for his efforts.

Another, somewhat better established Association tradition—the Alumni Tent—was more popular than ever. Current Association members who stopped by for a visit and graduates signing up for the first time were treated to delicious "walk-around chili," prepared by Dave ('70) and Diane ('71) Terry and Conley ('65) and Paula ('71) Smith, and ably served by Diane, Paula, and Joyce Camilli ('66). Many Association members later entered the game free of charge using their "alumni pass."

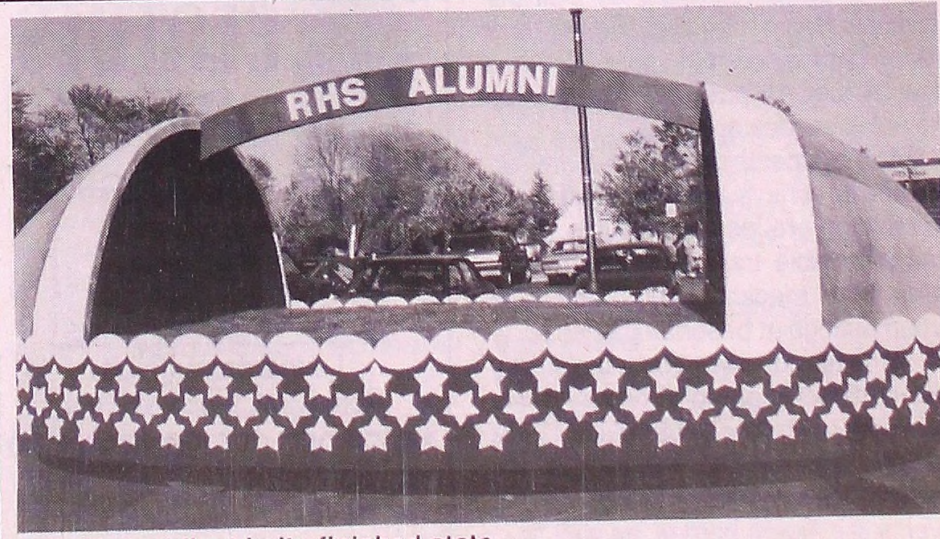
Besides Camilli and the Terrys and Conleys, the Association would also like to thank Tom ('62) and Florence



Seventy-two-year-old Dean Burcroff and Jerry Fredericks work on the Alumni float.

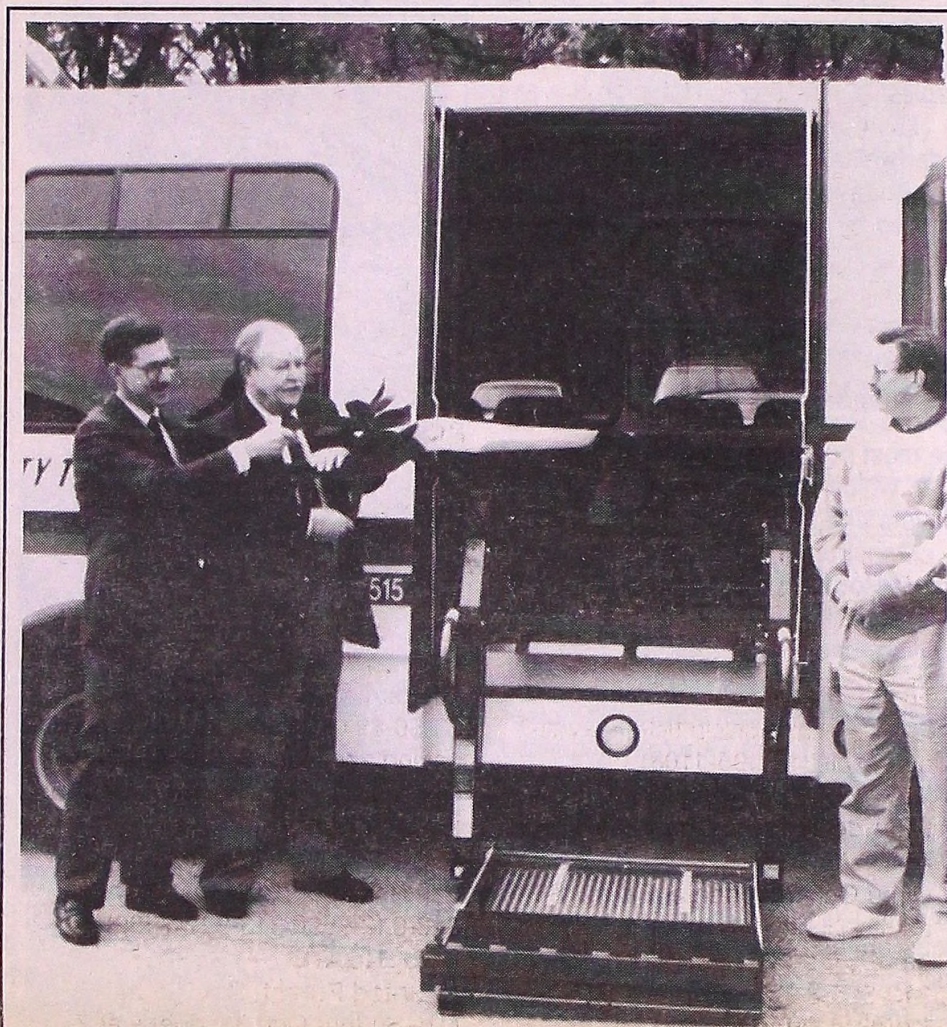
('63) Satterlee for offering a variety of school sweatshirts and other memorabilia for sale; Peggy Staten ('75) and Beth Bergeron ('90), as well as Peggy's son Ricky Staten, for helping with the sign-up of new members; Tom Dolan, Romulus Community Schools Curriculum Director, for sponsoring the chili; the Romulus Rotary Club for sponsoring the Tent, and Ron Hopson ('51) for making the arrangements; Hillcrest Sod, located on Pennsylvania Road in Romulus, for donating the sod used on the Association's float; and Dean Burcroff for donating time and space for the float's construction.

During the Homecoming game's halftime, it was announced that this year's winner of Romulus High School's Spirit Jug competition was the Class of 1999. Also announced were the 1997 Homecoming King and Queen: Norman Trotter and Kisha Stewart. □



The Alumni float in its finished state.

A Really SMART New Way To Get Around in Romulus



(From left) SMART General Manager Rick Kaufman, Romulus Mayor William Oakley cut ribbon as Romulus City Councilman Michael Prybyla looks on. (photo: Linda Norman)

It's natural that when Metro Detroiters think of going from place to place, thoughts turn to Romulus. Now, thanks to the Community Based Service Plan between the home of the international airport and SMART (Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation), folks in the busy western Wayne County community have an easy way to travel by land. Romulus is the latest city to enter a Community Transit partnership with SMART.

On Thursday, October 16, Romulus Mayor William Oakley, SMART General Manager Rick Kaufman, and other City and SMART officials were at the Romulus Recreation Department for a ribbon-cutting ceremony to introduce a new 24-foot, 15-passenger bus to the Romulus service area.

The partnership will help Romulus provide its seniors and other Parks and Recreation groups with reliable, safe, and affordable transportation to anything from medical appointments to group outings at baseball games.

"The new bus won't be used strictly for one specific group of people," said Recreation Director Debbie Dick. "We'll use the bus for not only our senior citizens, but for youth groups attending events like Tigers games, as well."

Romulus is already serviced by a number of SMART routes along Ecorse and Middlebelt Roads, but the new Community Transit vehicle will better accommodate the needs of specialized groups in the City. The vehicle is also air-conditioned and wheelchair-accessible for comfort.

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DEFINITIONS

1. Belonging to those people
2. Grows weary
3. Gentle slope
4. Diatribe
5. Attempted
6. Stress exerted on a body by gravitational attraction
7. Sell small quantities of goods directly to consumers
8. Incensed; furious
9. Lachrymal gland's secretion
10. Stand which supports the notes of a public speaker
11. Occurring immediately before the present
12. Gain admission to
13. Sacred text of Islam
14. Give a particular order to
15. Pro-gun group
16. Marvel or prodigy
17. Male bee
18. Actor Bruce or his actress daughter Laura
19. One who makes, founds, or originates
20. Dangle this in front of someone's nose to induce a desired behavior
21. Thespian
22. Jimmy Hoffa was one of these
23. Is of significance or importance
24. Brook or rivulet
25. Stamen's pollen-bearing part
26. Central or innermost part
27. Feel intense hostility toward
28. Soft felt hat
29. Regard with deep affection
30. Course or path
31. Caveat
32. Film genre for Arnold or Jean Claude
33. Refreshing, restorative drink
34. Drink of Roman or Greek gods
35. Give solicitous attention to someone's wants or needs
36. 4,840 square yards

For solution, see page 10

YOU'LL FIND IT IN "COSTUME"

How many words of four or more letters can you form using only the letters in **COSTUME**? A letter can be used more than once only if it appears more than once. Proper nouns, obsolete and archaic words, poetic words, slang, hyphenated words, contractions, foreign words, and plurals formed with an "s" are not permitted. Only one form of a verb may be used.

Our list of 24 words can be found on page 10

HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS*

ALLEN PARK

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(Thru Oct. 30; open Su-Th, 7 to 10 p.m./F-Sa, 7 p.m. to midnight, with dates and times pending on attendance; \$5 per person; group rates available; call 313-942-7065)

BELLEVILLE

The Pumpkin Factory

(Farm thru Oct. 31/Hayrides Oct. 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, & 30; Farm open 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m./Hayrides from 5 to 9 p.m.; no admission fee to Farm; call 313-461-1835)

CANTON

Krazy Hilda's Trail of Terrors

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Knights Dungeon

(Thru Oct. 31; Th-Sa, 6 to 10 p.m./Su-W, 6 to 9 p.m.; \$3 per person; call 313-271-3570)

FARMINGTON

Haunted Winery

(Oct. 24, 25, 26, 29 & Nov. 1; Su-Th, 7 to 10 p.m./F-Sa, 7 to 11 p.m.; \$6 adults/\$3 children 12 and under; call 248-477-8833 after 5 p.m.)

GROSSE ILE

Youth Recreation Association Haunted House

(Thru Oct. 30; open F-Sa, 7:30 to 11 p.m./Su-Th, 7:30 to 10 p.m.; \$4 Su-Th/\$6 F-Sa; call 313-692-5543)

LIVONIA

Haunted Halls of Doom

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PLYMOUTH

Haunted Warehouse

(Thru Oct. 31; open Su-Th, 7 to 11 p.m./F-Sa, 7 p.m. to midnight; \$6 adults/\$5 children 12 and under; call 313-453-8407)

REDFORD

Redford Jaycee Slaughter House

(Thru Oct. 31; open 7:30 p.m. to ?; \$6 adults/\$4 children under 10; call 313-544-1959)

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RIVERVIEW

"The House"

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Halloween Hayrides at the Recreation Center (sponsored by RHS Class of 1998 and the Romulus Recreation Dept.)

(Oct. 27-28; open 6 to 8:30 p.m.; \$1 per person for children grades six and under and their parents only; call the Recreation Dept. at 313-942-6852 or Ms. Berlinn at 313-941-2170, ext. 161)

Haunted House

(Oct. 24, 25, 26, 30, & 31; open Th & Su, 7 to 10 p.m./F-Sa, 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.; \$7-\$13-\$17 adults/\$3-\$6-\$9 children under 8 with full-paying adult; call 313-946-4357)

Scary Story Time at the Romulus Public Library

(Oct. 29; open at 7 p.m.; no admission fee; call the Library at 313-942-7590/313-942-7589)

SOUTHGATE

Haunted Forest, Southgate

(Th-Su thru Oct. 31; opens at 7 p.m.; \$5 adults/\$3 kids under 12; special group rates available with reservations; call 313-281-3539)

TAYLOR

Nightmare Alley

(Thru Oct. 31; Su, W, & Th, 7 to 10 p.m./F-Sa, 7 to 11 p.m.; \$5 adults/\$4 children 6-12/under 5 free; call 313-295-0687)

TRENTON

Trenton Jaycee Haunted House

(Oct. 24-26 & 29-30; open F-Sa, 7 to 11 p.m./Su-Th, 7 to 10 p.m.; \$3 halfway thru/\$5 all the way thru; call 313-692-1406)

WALTZ

Hall of Haunts

(Oct. 24-31; open F-Sa, 7:30 p.m. to midnight/Su-Th, 7:30 to 10 p.m. except Halloween night, 6 to 8 p.m.; \$5 adults/\$3 children under 10; group discounts available for 10 or more; call 313-654-9253)

WAYNE

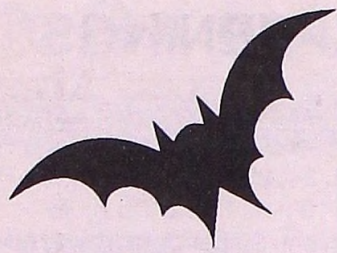
The Haunted Theatre

(Thru Oct. 31; open 7 to 11 p.m.; \$5 adults/\$2.50 children 12 and under; call 313-728-SHOW)

WYANDOTTE

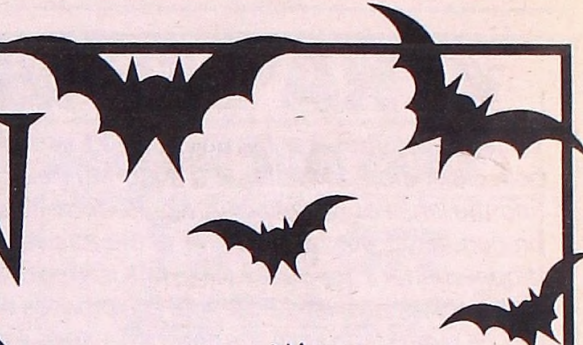
Terror Tech - "A Factory Possessed"

(Thru Oct. 31; Tu-Th, 7 to 10 p.m./F-Sa, 7 p.m. to midnight; children's hour is 6 to 7 p.m. Su only; \$7 per person regular hours/\$3 admission children's hour only; call 313-284-3861)



HALLOWEEN

Safety Tips



FOR KIDS

- Trick-or-Treat before dark.
- Be cautious of animals and strangers.
- Carry a flashlight so you can see and be seen easily.
- Visit homes that you know and that have the porch light on.
- A face mask may obstruct your vision; use makeup instead.
- Accept your treats at the door and never go into a stranger's house.
- Wear a costume that makes it easy for you to walk, see, and be seen.
- Plan your Trick-or-Treat route ahead of time. Pick streets that are well lit.
- Trick-or-Treat with a parent, older brother, sister, or friends. Never travel alone.
- Don't hide or cross the street between parked cars or in the middle of the block.
- Walk, slither, and sneak on sidewalks; if there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic.
- Keep away from open fires and candles. (Keep in mind that costumes can be extremely flammable.)
- Have a grown-up inspect your treats before eating. And don't eat candy if the package is already open.
- Look LEFT, RIGHT, then LEFT AGAIN before crossing the street to check for cars, trucks, and low-flying brooms. Cross *only* at corners.
- Wear light-colored or reflective-type clothing so you are more visible. (And remember to put reflective tape on bikes, skateboards, and brooms, too!)



FOR PARENTS

- Your child should know his/her phone number and address.
- Dress children in shoes that fit. Large-size shoes make it easier to trip and fall.
- Limit the use of "weapons" as part of the costume. If you allow a weapon, be sure it is soft and flexible.
- When you inspect the treats, be sure they have not been tampered with and are safely sealed. Be careful with fruit, as punctures or holes are easily missed.



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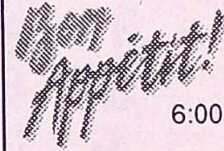
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ANSWERS

answers to puzzles from page 7

- 1) theirs; 2) tires; 3) rise
- 4) tirade; 5) tried; 6) tide
- 7) retail; 8) irate; 9) tear
- 10) lectern; 11) recent; 12) enter
- 13) Koran; 14) rank; 15) NRA
- 16) wonder; 17) drone; 18) Dern
- 19) creator; 20) carrot; 21) actor
- 22) Teamster; 23) matters; 24) stream
- 25) anther; 26) heart; 27) hate
- 28) fedora; 29) adore; 30) road
- 31) caution; 32) action; 33) tonic
- 34) nectar; 35) cater; 36) acre

"Halloween fun / trick or treat"

YOU'LL FIND IT IN "COSTUME":

come, cost, cote, cute, most, mote, move, muse, must, mute, oust, scum, sect, smut, some, stem, suet, sumo, tome, comet, mouse, scout, smote, custom

Upcoming Athletics at Romulus Schools

RHS Football (Varsity)

- Willow Run at Romulus (Fri., Oct. 24, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville (Fri., Oct. 31, 7 p.m.)

RHS Football (JV)

- Belleville at Romulus (Thurs., Oct. 30, 7 p.m.)

RHS Girls' Basketball

- Romulus at Robichaud (Tue., Oct. 28, 5:30 p.m.)
- Highland Park at Romulus (Thurs., Oct. 30, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Melvindale (Tue., Nov. 3, 5:30 p.m.)
- Inkster at Romulus (Thurs., Nov. 6, 5:30 p.m.)
- Carlson at Romulus (Tue., Nov. 11, 5:30 p.m.)

RMS Football

- Romulus at Robichaud (Thurs., Oct. 30, 3:45 p.m.)

RMS Girls' Basketball

- Romulus at Lowrey (Mon., Oct. 27, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Woodworth (Wed., Oct. 29, 3:45 p.m.)

Romulus/Van Buren Community Education

Whether your learning interests lean toward the practical or the just plain fun, the Romulus/Van Buren Community Education program is sure to be offering something for you.

For more information, or to register for any of the classes listed below, call 941-0610. (Note: all classes will be held at Romulus High School.)

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- **Advanced Beginners**
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Nov. 4 – Dec. 9
Fee: \$20

Intermediate Stained Glass

- Tues., 6:30 – 9 p.m.
Nov. 11 – Dec. 2
Fee: \$35

Pie-making

- Tues., 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.
Nov. 11
Fee: \$10

Christmas Cookie Exchange

- Tues., 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.
Dec. 2
Fee: \$5

Healthy Eating On The Run

- Tues., 7 – 9 p.m.
Oct. 28
Fee: \$12

Home Remodeling

- Tues./Thurs., 6 – 10 p.m.
Dec. 2, 4, 9, & 11
Fee: \$100

Retirement Planning

- Tues./Thurs., 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 21, 23
Fee: \$5

Developing Responsibility

- Tues., 7 – 8 p.m.
Nov. 11
Fee: \$5

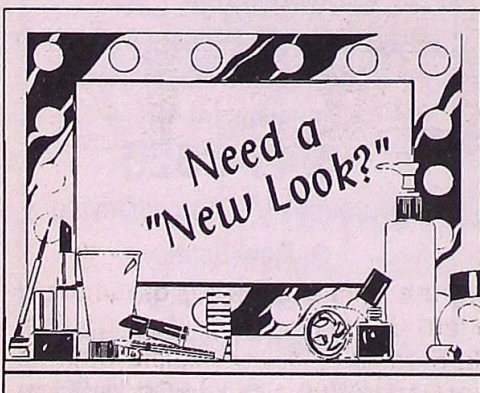
Community Calendar

- **Chamber Seeks Nominations for "Person of the Year"** – The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for its 18th annual Romulus Person of the Year award. To qualify as a nominee, a person must have made a significant contribution to his/her community in one or more areas. The individual selected as Person of the Year will be honored at an awards banquet in March 1988. Nomination forms can be obtained by calling 326-4290. Deadline for nominations is December 1.
- **Flu Shots** – People of any age are welcome to come in to the Romulus Senior Center between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 5, to receive a low-cost flu shot (free to Medicare subscribers; \$5 for all others). In order to be sure that enough serum will be available, the Center asks those planning to come in to call at least a day ahead: 942-6852.
- **HCT Presents Cabaret** – The Huron Civic Theatre (located at 32044 Huron River Drive in New Boston) will present *Cabaret* on the weekends of November 7–9 and November 14–16. Performances are at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays; 3 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$8 for students/senior citizens. For ticket information, please call the HCT Box Office: 782-5380. (Note: Due to the show's mature subject matter, HCT recommends viewing for adult audiences only.)
- **Recreation's Elementary Floor Hockey Program Begins** – The Romulus Recreation Department has planned a Floor Hockey Program to begin on Saturday, November 8, at each elementary school. Practice times for both boys and girls in grades three and four will be from 10 a.m. to 12 noon; fifth- and sixth-grade boys and girls will practice from 12 to 2 p.m. Cost of the six-week program is \$10 for those who registered for soccer; \$20 for all others (fee also covers a t-shirt). Program runs until December 20 (no practice on November 29). Schools will play games against each other beginning November 22. For more information, call 942-6852.
- **Christmas Luncheon/Bazaar** – The Community United Methodist Church of Romulus will host its annual "Hot Chicken Salad Christmas Luncheon/Bazaar" fund-raiser at the Church (11160 Olive) on Friday, November 14 (Luncheon – 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Bazaar – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.). Tickets for the luncheon are \$7 per person. For more information, please call 941-0736.
- **Special Needs PAC Needs You!** – The Romulus Special Needs Parent Advisory Committee wants to serve as a communication link between parents/guardians of "special needs" children and the school district. The group hopes to increase public awareness, put on workshops, and develop a handbook for special services. For more information, please call either 941-7330 or 941-4249 and leave a message.
- **Big, Beautiful People Welcome!** – The "More to Love" Social Club for Big, Beautiful People and their admirers welcomes you. For information on upcoming events, call 313-438-2720.
- **Perinatal Loss Support Group** – The Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne Maternal Child Care Department offers a Perinatal Loss Support Group – a healing group for parents who have experienced a loss through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth, or newborn death. The support group meets every Monday from 7:45 to 9 p.m. at the Oakwood Center (33155 Annapolis). For further information and/or to RSVP (RSVP is required), please call 467-5588.

To place information in the Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 941-4874; or call 941-1907 or 941-3113

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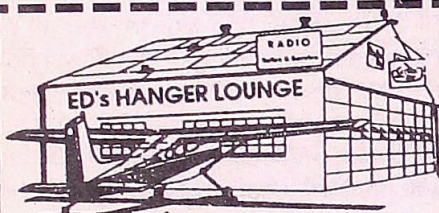
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(From left) Richard Marsh, editor of the City of Romulus quarterly newspaper, *Romulus Update*, and Art McPharlin, editor of the Romulus Community Schools publication, *Your Schools in Perspective*, are meeting to discuss a joint City-School Publication.

In an effort to save valuable tax dollars, the City of Romulus and the Romulus Community Schools are considering the publication of a single, jointly produced, quarterly newsletter. The idea for the publication was first proposed in September during the City-School Committee's monthly meeting.

David Cox, Assistant to Mayor William Oakley, stated, "The Oakley Administration supports all ideas that provide comparable service at a reduced rate. A joint publication will do just that."

Since both government agencies now publish their own newsletter, a combined newsletter will save postage as well as printing and handling fees.

If approved, the first joint paper would be mailed early in December. This inaugural edition will contain information about a 'name this paper' contest and current information about the City and School District.

The proposal for a joint paper is a result of the City and Schools working together for greater community service.

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Participating in a ceremony marking the official opening of Goddard Road earlier this month were (from left) Councilpersons Mary Collins, Michael Prybyla, and Debbie Romak; Fred Hay; Mayor William Oakley; William Crane; Councilman Bill Crova; Robert Pressler, and Councilmen William Wadsworth and Randolph Gear.

PROFILES OF CANDIDATES FOR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL

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Especially important to Gear is his continued service to his country as a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army Reserve's 84th Division (Livonia), S3 Section (training). Among the honors that he has received are the Army Achievement Medal and his "Airborne Wings," which he received after completing airborne school in January 1997.

The 45-year-old Gear is married to wife Shawn, and enjoys drawing and painting – especially portraits – during his spare time.

For more information about the Gear campaign, write to him at his campaign headquarters (29138 Leroy Street) or call him at 942-9049.

Debbie Romak

Councilwoman Debbie Romak's remarks began on a note of gratitude.

"First, I would like to thank the citizens of Romulus for allowing me to serve our community from 1995 to 1997," she stated. "It was both an honor and a privilege to do so. The past two years have been an interesting learning experience, and, if given the opportunity, I would like to continue to represent you on City Council."

Romak sees herself as a champion of the people.

"Many appreciate my independence and determination to protect and ensure the health, safety, and well-being of our citizens," she said. "I have been very vocal in expressing those concerns and will continue to fight the good fight for the people. I have successfully established a citizens advisory committee to address our local and neighborhood issues. Bringing the people's voice to every meeting, keeping their best interest first, is very important to me. It is imperative that citizens are part of the process."

Two keys to successful government, says Romak, are preparation and communication.

"There are many factors to consider before making a decision. Doing your homework, researching, and utilizing all the resources available on the issue before you will enable you to make good decisions," she explained. "We must stay connected, meeting on a regular basis with our lobbying firm, county commissioners, state representatives and senators, and congress to assure that our needs are being addressed, and we are represented at all levels of government."

Romak is especially excited about the City's numerous new development projects.

"The four new residential developments starting in our community are the first in 20 years," she enthused. "There are also many desirable businesses that want to locate within our city limits. One of my visions, my dream, is now becoming a reality."

Further development, she believes, must be carefully planned: "Progress can be achieved by working together in harmony with already established districts, careful rezoning, and the creation of special land-use approvals. Council members rely on recommendations by our boards and commissions, but, ultimately, the elected officials are held accountable by the people for the actions taken."

Romak says that such planning is necessary to avoid the mistakes of the past – as, for example, in the cases of truck-related industry and the granting of tax abatements.

"The increased number of trucks traveling through our community has become hazardous and a burden to our residents living in the heavy traffic areas," she said. "We must address how much more land will be consumed for trucking and trucking-affiliated business."

"Tax abatements should be granted only in very limited situations," she continued. "After researching and obtaining information from the Assessor's office, I have found our 1997 IFTs are 22% of the total tax base. Yet, according to the State, anything over five percent of the assessment roll could be considered a financial burden. The City of Romulus has carried the burden for too long."

On the subject of roads, Romak said, "Roads are a never-ending task for all cities; many are still in need of repair and improvement. Our Act 51 transportation fund for major and local roads for '96/'97 is only \$1,044,268.25. We need to watch for any proposed legislative changes from Lansing and what effects those changes, if any, will have on our Act 51 funding. We need to establish a more workable road-paving program."

Among Romak's other stated concerns are:

- Airport noise ("Although Council has made many attempts to communicate with Wayne County regarding a solution to Airport noise, the problem remains unresolved," she stated. "I will continue to voice the people's concerns. Residents have waited far too long for relief.");
- recreation ("I am supportive of the recently formed City/School Committee, and would be willing to review carefully any plans that would be acceptable to the people," said Romak.); and
- senior-citizen housing and services.

"There are many issues still facing our community," she concluded. "I believe that I have the insight and leadership to anticipate the needs of our community, the ability to help develop strategies, and a careful plan to meet those needs as we move into the next century. Working together, we can build a solid future and better our quality of life."

Romak, 43, is the daughter of John and Elinore Ryan, who still reside in Romulus. The 1972 Romulus High School alumna has made Romulus her home for 32 years. She and her husband of 23 years, Ted, have two children: Ryan, age 15, and Lauren, who is 12.

Besides the two years she has devoted to Romulus during her freshman Council term, Romak:

- has been a member of the Compensation Review Board and the Romulus Mayor's Drug Task Force, as well as a past vice-president of the Barth Elementary School PTC;
- is a current member of the Romulus Pumpkin Festival Committee, Wayne County Commissioner Bruce Patterson's Advisory Group, and the AFL-CIO;
- has served as a spokesperson for Romulus Environmentalists Care About People (RECAP), received an Environmental Achievement Award from the Ecology Center of Ann Arbor, and been recognized for "Making the Quality of Life Better for Working Men and Women" by the Southeastern Michigan Coalition of Occupational Safety and Health;
- has completed a Michigan Municipal League educational program for newly elected officials.

She has received endorsements from the UAW, AFL-CIO, AFSCME, and the Detroit Building Trades Council.

For more information about the Romak campaign, call 941-3623.

Bill Wadsworth

If Bill Wadsworth, who was first elected in 1983, is reelected next month, he will become the longest continuously serving City Councilman in the history of Romulus.

"I feel it has been an honor and privilege to serve the citizens of Romulus, and I am truly grateful for their many years of support," he said. "I hope that voters will once again affirm their faith in me on November 4."

A U.S. Army veteran and longtime member of St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Wadsworth received an Associate's degree in criminal justice from Henry Ford Community College, then continued his studies at Madonna College, earning a Bachelor's degree.

Wadsworth has been a Romulus resident for the past 30 years. He and his wife Jean, a registered nurse at Oakwood Hospital, have been married for the same length of time. The couple has three sons – James, Bill, and John – and one grandchild, Sarah, who is the daughter of John and his wife Julie.

A Deputy Wayne County Sheriff for 30 years, Wadsworth is currently a uniformed Sergeant and shift supervisor at Metro Airport. But the fact that he works for the County doesn't keep him from being outspoken about Airport issues.

"I feel that the County has purchased too much property too quickly, and has not kept its promises on noise abatement for homeowners," he declared. "Although I accept that Airport expansion will continue, I will not sacrifice the quality of life of any of our residents, and I hope that other Council members will follow this lead. Residents first, not developers!"

Another of Wadsworth's priorities is residential development.

"Since I strongly favor continued growth of single-family homes in Romulus, I am especially pleased with the three new subdivisions planned for the near future," he stated.

He would also like to see all our city's youth attending Romulus schools.

"At present, many of our young people attend various out-of-town school districts, including Woodhaven and Wayne/Westland," he explained. "I'd like to see that change."

"My wife and I are proud that all three of our children attended Romulus schools, graduated, went on to receive college degrees, and are now gainfully employed," he added. "As far as I'm concerned, this is a positive reflection on the fine teachers and other staff members in the Romulus schools."

On the subject of taxes and tax abatements, Wadsworth was adamant.

"I do not favor, nor will I vote for, any City tax increase," he stated. "We must work with the current City millage, and should even look to a possible tax millage rollback."

"I believe that tax abatements have outlived their usefulness, and the City Council should revisit this issue," he continued. "The County of Wayne and the State of Michigan claim that Romulus has this Airport gem for development. If that's the case, then let the developers pay their fair share of taxes."

Wadsworth says that many roads were paved during his first 14 years on Council, and hopes to work to continue that trend if reelected. He's also proud of the fact that he has been an opponent of the Environmental Disposal Systems (EDS) deep-well project since day one.

"When the project first came before Council, I studied the proposal thoroughly and made a conscious decision that this was not in the best interest of the citizens and would have a negative impact on Romulus for years to come," he said. "Today, Romulus is paying the price for environmental decisions made by government 50 years ago! This councilman will never be a part of that. We must protect our citizens and prohibit anyone from tampering with our environment. I find no gray area on this issue. Either you are for it or against it."

As he looks to the future, Wadsworth sees many issues confronting the City of Romulus, including:

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- protecting citizens from Airport expansion, especially those in the Oakbrook and Meadow subs at the south end and north of I-94 at the other;
- widening Ecorse Road;
- exploring joint programs between the City and Schools that would benefit all citizens;
- fully collecting all building permit fees from the expansion of the Airport;
- completing the Metro World Centre development on Wick Road; and
- governing in a manner that's best for all citizens, not just a chosen few.

Wadsworth's other concerns include the continuation and improvement of basic services for residents, such as police

and fire protection, Department of Public Works services, garbage pickup, and recreation for our youth and senior citizens. He is confident that such improvements will come about, he says, because he has faith in our city's hard-working, dedicated employees.

Among those endorsing him are the 13th Congressional District Democratic Club and numerous trade unions.

In closing, Wadsworth wished all the candidates good luck, and encouraged all citizens to vote November 4.

For information about the Wadsworth campaign, call him at 941-0616; send him e-mail at wads@tir.com; or visit his home page at <http://www.tir.com/~wads97/index.html>. □

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REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 22, 1997

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, September 22, 1997 was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by President Julie A. Oleszkowicz. Roll call showed all Members present. All Administrators were present. Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Oleszkowicz.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, requested that the Executive Session be canceled.

9/97/7 Moved by Gondek supported by Kesner to approve the Agenda as amended. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

9/97/8 Moved by Berlinn supported by Gondek to approve the Minutes of September 8, 1997 as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Personnel Actions

Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources, on behalf of the Board of Education, recognized several employees for their outstanding service to the Romulus Community Schools.

Bills for Payment

9/97/9 Moved by Lenossi supported by Gondek to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Athletic Program Report

Mr. Jesse Meriweather gave a report to the Board of Education on the various sports scheduled for the 1997-98 school year and responded to their questions.

Report on Summer School

Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources, gave an overview of the Summer School Program to the Board of Education and answered questions as presented by them.

High School Science Trip

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, discussed the High School Science Trip that thirty students took to Petosky and Traverse City.

Designation of MASB Delegates

Julie Oleszkowicz and Eva Webb will be the voting delegates for the 1997 MASB Assembly in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Members of the audience discussed their concerns regarding transportation concerns and the lack of a teacher contract.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. Bedell shared the following items with the Board of Education: 1) Alumni Newsletter; 2) ACLU Meeting; 3) Senator Bennett - Congrats to Middle School Wrestlers; and 4) Mini Grant/Usztics.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mr. Woods expressed concerns regarding class sizes and the locker-room ceiling at the Middle School.

Mrs. Gondek remarked about the temperature in the Media Center.

Mrs. Lenossi stated that we have limited splits.

Executive Session

The Executive Session was canceled.

ADJOURNMENT:

9/97/10 Moved by Lenossi supported by Berlinn that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty M. Lenossi, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

Education About Drug Use

The Romulus Mayor's Drug Task Force, Romulus Community Schools, and the Romulus Optimist Club are working together to educate Romulus students about the danger of drugs. The seven-day program, called "Red Ribbon Week," began October 23 and will operate through October 31, 1997.

Red Ribbon Week will have students and teachers in the elementary schools wearing a red ribbon which denotes: "Drug Free - That's Me." Young elementary students will draw anti-drug pictures on grocery bags donated by Romulus IGA, while older elementary students will write an essay about drugs and how they can be abused. Selected

students will be awarded a t-shirt for their participation.

Romulus Middle School and High School students will also write about the danger of drugs. Middle School students can win a t-shirt, while the winning High School students will be honored at a special breakfast.

Cory Elementary principal Phyllis Adkins spoke for all building principals when she said, "This program combines the best efforts of the Optimist Club, the City, and our school district. It is another fine example of groups in Romulus teaming for success. I am proud of this effort, and know that it will be successful." □



(From left) Cory Elementary students De Andre Tate, Tyjuana Fowler, and Ryan Tackett show their support for Red Ribbon Week as they model Drug Education t-shirts. This special week began October 23, 1997.

McEducator's Day

Have you ever wondered what life would be like if teachers would wait on students hand and foot? Well, on Wednesday, October 29, from 3 to 7 p.m., the Romulus McDonald's (9777 Wayne Road) will give us the chance to find out when it turns control over to the Romulus Schools as part of its McEducator's Day program, a region-wide education fund-raiser in which high-school principals and educators are invited to work shifts at their local McDonald's.

McEducator's Day will give students a golden opportunity: to step up to the counter and get their fries served up hot, fresh, and fast by the District's own Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Kimbrough, Ms. Tomchick, and many others. Our McEducators will be performing duties normally performed by McDonald's crew members, such as taking and preparing food orders. During their "work-study," McEducators will also learn firsthand about the McDonald's "ingredients for success," and how, through the combination of education and opportunities, McDonald's prepares young people for the world of work. A percentage of the restaurant's sales made during the program will be donated to the High School for its "Student of the Month" program.

So, spread the word and stop in at the Romulus McDonald's on October 29 during the hours listed above. Your purchase will help our McEducators and our high school.

McTrivia: Did you know that, as one of the largest employers of teens in the Nation, McDonald's teaches basic job skills to more young people than the U.S. Army? In fact, one-twelfth of the current U.S. work force, or 16 million people, has worked at McDonald's. □

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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Frances M. Heimes-Savickis, Field Representative for the Social Security Administration; Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, and Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (Note: For further information about events at the Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

Computer Installation To Limit SSA Service Temporarily

The Social Security office located at 2500 Hamlin Boulevard, Inkster, will be operating in a very limited capacity from Friday, October 24, through Friday, October 31, 1997, due to the installation of a new computer system and the training of office staff members.

People are encouraged to handle their Social Security matters by calling 1-800-722-1213. You can call the toll-free number to schedule a future appointment for benefits, or you may choose to conduct your Social Security business another time or to contact one of the local offices listed below:

- 3620 Biddle (Wyandotte)
- 26840 West Seven Mile Road (Detroit)
- 17370 Laurel Park Drive (Livonia)
- 3101 South Gully (Dearborn)

The Social Security Administration apologizes for any inconvenience that this may create for the individuals it serves, and appreciates its patrons' patience and cooperation. Full operations will resume on Monday, November 3.

Flu Shots

People of *any age* are welcome to come in to the Romulus Senior Center between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 5, to receive a low-cost flu shot (free to Medicaid subscribers; \$5 for all others). In order to be sure that enough serum will be available, the Center asks those planning to come to call ahead.

Casper

In keeping with the Haunting Halloween Holiday, the Romulus Senior Center's monthly movie will be *Casper*, a PG-rated, howlingly funny comedy starring Bill Pullman, Christina Ricci, and some great special effects. The movie will be shown at the Center on Friday, October 31, beginning at 1 p.m. Cost is just \$1.

Refreshments will be served.

Walking Club

Local seniors are invited to meet at the Center every Wednesday at 9 a.m. to ride the popular "senior van" over to Wayne County Community College's Haggerty Road campus for some safe, indoor walking (at your own pace) during the winter months. There is no charge to participate in this program.

Senior Crime Watch

Local senior citizens interested in learning more about what they can do to prevent crime and promote safety within their neighborhood are invited to attend the Center's next "Senior Crime Watch" meeting, to be held from 9 to 10 a.m. on Thursday, October 30. As always, Officer Tom Ellis of the Romulus Police Department will be on hand to offer his assistance and share his expertise. This month, he will be joined by Terry and Diane Schoenback, trainers and owners of the K-9 Academy, who will bring in some of their dogs. Please come: Isn't your peace of mind worth an hour of your time?

Center Offers Transportation Service

Round-trip service within the Romulus city limits is available to local seniors each Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a fee of just \$1. Reservations may be made by calling 942-6852.

Weekly Programs

The Romulus Senior Center has a full schedule of weekly programs for senior citizens' enjoyment. Come in on your own or bring a friend for ceramics (Mondays at 1 and 6 p.m.); Club #1 meetings (Tuesdays at 11 a.m.); euchre (Tuesdays at 1 p.m.); bingo (Wednesdays at 1 p.m.); pinochle (Thursdays at 1 p.m.); and craft classes (Thursdays at 1 p.m.).

Hot Lunch

For just \$1.50, Romulus seniors (age 60 and over) can enjoy a hot lunch at the Center any weekday at 11:30 a.m. Call the Romulus Senior Center at least 24 hours in advance to make a reservation. Home delivery of hot meals is also available for qualified individuals. For more information about "Meals on Wheels," call 1-800-851-1454.

Volunteers Wanted

The Wayne County Office of Nutrition Services is seeking volunteers to deliver hot meals to home-bound seniors in Romulus. All that is needed is a willing heart, transportation, and 30 to 60 minutes, one to five mornings per week. Volunteers receive a 21-cents-per-mile reimbursement.

For more information, call Fran Ryder at 326-4441. □



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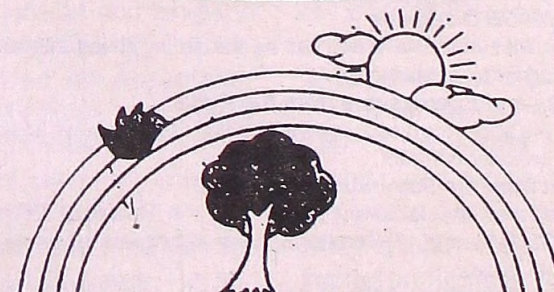
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Obituaries

Lenie Ann (New) Hardin

Lenie Ann (New) Hardin of New Boston, Michigan, died on Friday, October 17, 1997, at the age of 87.

A member of the New Boston Church of Christ, Lenie was born in Woodman, Kentucky, on August 5, 1910.

She is survived by four sons, Sidney (Turkey Creek, KY), Monroe (Preston, WV), Russell (Taylor, MI), and Floyd Hardin (Taylor, MI); two daughters, Mrs. David (Laura) Flanigan (New Boston, MI) and Mrs. Jim (Cora) Preece (Taylor, MI); two brothers, William (Beach Creek,

WV) and Woodrow New (Majestic, KY); 29 grandchildren; and 45 great-grandchildren. Lenie was predeceased by her husband, Walter Hardin, and one brother.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, October 21, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with the Reverend Neil Swanger (Ball Road Tabernacle, Romulus, MI) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI).

Memorial tributes may be made to any charitable organization.

Joseph H. Kusibab

Joseph H. Kusibab of Romulus, Michigan, died on Tuesday, October 7, 1997. He was 51 years old.

Joseph — who was born in Detroit, Michigan, on January 4, 1946 — retired from Kelsey-Hayes (Romulus, MI) in 1996 after 30 years of employment. Besides coaching Little League Baseball in his hometown and acting as an umpire for the Westland Athletic Officials Association (which includes leagues in Romulus), Joseph was also an avid league bowler and member of the Romulus Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #9568.

He is survived by his wife, Karen

Ann (Grubb) Kusibab; his father, Joseph Lewis Kusibab II (New Boston, MI); his mother, Barbara Kusibab (New Boston, MI); two sons, James "Jamie" (Woodhaven, MI) and Joseph Kusibab (Romulus, MI); one daughter, Jennifer Kusibab (Buffalo Valley, TN); and two sisters, Linda Dziedic (Wyandotte, MI) and Mrs. Carl (Sandy) Buchanan (Southgate, MI).

Funeral services were held on Friday, October 10, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with the Reverend Neil Swanger (Ball Road Tabernacle, Romulus, MI) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI).

James Nelson McDonald

James Nelson McDonald of Romulus, Michigan, died on Sunday, October 5, 1997, at the age of 48.

James — a native of Trenton, Michigan — was born on November 1, 1948. The Hayes Wheels retiree was also a member of United Auto Workers Local #78 and an Allen Park Key Masonic Lodge Shriner.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Lee McDonald; two daughters, Mickey A. (and her husband Art) McDonald-Mobley (Tustin, CA) and Amy A. McDon-

ald-Torres (Romulus, MI); three grandchildren, Jessica, Kaela M., and Kaessi A. Torres; and two brothers, John and Jerry McDonald.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, October 8, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Pastor Ron Helms (Southgate Freewill Baptist Church, Southgate, MI) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI).

Memorial tributes may be made to Shriners Burn Hospital (Chicago, IL).

Mary Jane (Clark) Zilka

Mary Jane (Clark) Zilka of Taylor, Michigan, died on Sunday, October 19, 1997. She was 70 years old.

Mary was both born and married in Taylor, Michigan — on June 30, 1927, and May 2, 1953, respectively.

She is survived by her husband, Max Zilka; two sons, Robert P. (Judy) Zilka (New Boston, MI) and Ronald J. Zilka (Taylor, MI); one daughter, Mrs. Barry (Rhonda) Kaminski (Taylor, MI); one brother, Gerald W. (Ruth) Clark

(Wayne, MI); three grandchildren; and her stepmother, Gertrude Clark. She was predeceased by one sister.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, October 22, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with the Reverend Dr. Geoffrey G. Drutchas (St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Taylor, MI) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI).

Memorial tributes may be made to St. Paul's Church.

Congratulations

Kristen Dubisky

Seven-year-old Kristen Rose Dubisky of Romulus came away from the World International Skating Institute Competition (held in Boston, Massachusetts, in August) with gold and silver medals in "individual performance" and a gold medal in "team competition."

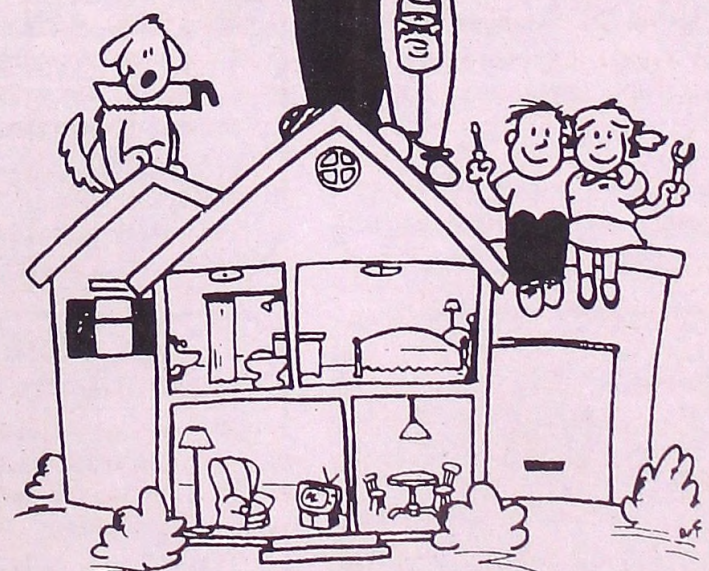
Proud of her accomplishments were her brothers, Raymond and Rodney (who, as hockey players for Wayne Recreation, are also fine skaters); parents, Roy and Kathy Dubisky; grandparents, Harold and Sylvia Dubisky; and coach, Kristen Leclair.



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